

**Archibald Cary to George Washington, June 28, 1757,  
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**FROM ARCHIBALD CARY, ESQ.<sup>1</sup>**

CHESTERFD. June 28—1757

DEAR SIR,

By Capt. Bell I receiv'd yours and am Greatly Oblig'd to you, for your Good Intentions to Serve him, and must believe that the hopes the Govr. has Given him is due to you.

Notwithstanding I hold no Military Commr. I thought it my Duty to do all I Could to raise the Men due from our County for the present Service and I judg'd those most proper who would Voluntarily Inlist, I Apply'd to the Bearer Drury Pucket a person who was last Year in the Service (& as I have been Inform'd behav'd well) he is a Person of Good report here and has been Extremely Active on this Occasion, he has desired me to Mention so much to you, and if he should Continue to behave Well & should deserve to be Taken Notice of A Serjts. Post is the Most of his Ambition at present; I hope you will Excuse this freedom

We are here a little uneasy on a report of an Army of French Marching Your Way if it should be so, I hope it will Give you an Opportunity of Gaining Fresh Laurels And I do Assure you no Man more Wishes to See You Crown'd with them than Your

Most Obedt. Humble Servt. ARCHD. CARY P. S. Mrs. Cary & Miss Randolph joyn in Wishing you that Sort of Glory which will most Endear you to the Fair Sex, A C

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<sup>1</sup> Colonel Archibald Cary, of "Ampthill," Chesterfield County, was the son of Henry, grandson of Henry, and great-grandson of Miles Cary, who settled in Virginia, 1640–46, and died in 1667. Colonel Cary (who was an influential member of the Assembly of that Colony in 1768, and prominent during the Revolutionary period) married Mary, daughter of Richard Randolph. One of his daughters married Thomas Mann Randolph, and another Carter Page. Colonel Cary died in 1787.